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In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1.   (amended)   A computer-implemented method for obtaining data from at least one user computer via the Internet while maintaining the privacy of a user of the computer, comprising the acts of:

perturbing original data associated with the user computer to render perturbed data;

using a distribution of the perturbed data, generating at least one estimate of a distribution of the original data; and

using the estimate of the distribution of the original data, generating at least one data mining model.

Please amend Claim 7 as follows:

7.   (amended)   A computer system including a program of instructions including structure to undertake method acts comprising:

at a user computer, randomizing at least some original values of at least some numeric attributes to render perturbed values;

sending the perturbed values to a server computer not having access to the original values; and

at the server computer, processing the perturbed values to generate at least one classification model.

Please cancel Claims 14-19 and amend Claim 21 to correct an informality as follows:

21.   (amended)   The method of Claim 20, wherein the user computer uses the model on original data to render a classification, and then sends the classification to the Web site.

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